

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0006] Published German patent application no. DE 25 17 209 299 discloses a device for connecting coating paper strips and cigarette/filter/cigarette groups, in which the coating paper is fed on a grooved drum. During the transfer of the groups to the coating paper feed drum, the coating paper is wrapped around the group.